

News from Marlborough Town Council

George Lane Crossing

Earlier this year the town council was successful in persuading Wiltshire Council to upgrade the zebra crossing in George Lane to a light controlled puffin crossing. With increased pedestrian use of the new St John's school and the prospect of the relocation of St Peters to the St Mary's site in Ducks Meadow in the future, it was felt that this upgrade was essential. It is hoped that these works will take place in the autumn half term week.



Freedom of the Town Picture

The Town Council commissioned a picture to be created by local artist Colin Palmer depicting the scene of the Freedom of the Town ceremony (which you can see above / below). Prints of the picture, which are a fantastic memento of the day, are available for £55 unframed, or £130 for the framed version. These can be obtained from the Town Council Offices.

Play equipment

There has been a recent spate of vandalism on the play equipment, including to the disabled play equipment, which is particularly disappointing. Repairs will be carried out to get the equipment back in order as soon as possible. If anyone has any information on who is responsible for the vandalism please let us know.

Flood Alleviation Scheme

Following on from last month's article about the flood alleviation scheme for Kennet Place, we are pleased to report that Wiltshire Council have now committed to joining the partnership approach. Once the necessary legal paperwork has been completed, the Environment Agency can get on with further preparatory work. They are also planning to hold a drop in session at the Town Hall in the near future outlining their plans.

Civic Dinner Nov 18

The annual Civic Dinner will take place this year



at the Town Hall on Friday 18 November. Further details about ticket prices and availability can be obtained from the office.

Bridge Garage

The council have received many complaints about the deteriorating condition of the Bridge Garage and former Antiques Emporium in London Road. We have asked Wiltshire Council to take enforcement action against the owners to improve this key site on the approach into Marlborough from the east.

Part of the site is a grade II listed building which places a duty on the owner to maintain the building as an important historic asset. We were also concerned to learn that part of the buildings were being used as a residence, and that following a visit from the Housing Officers, that part was condemned as being unfit for habitation, and the tenant was forced to move out.

Wiltshire Council have agreed to approach the owner with a view to them carrying out essential repairs and maintenance. It is in the owners interest that the building does not fall into rack and ruin. We shall be monitoring the situation for improvements.

Town Council by-election

A by-election will be held in the Marlborough West ward on 13 October 2011 to fill the vacancy that resulted from the resignation of Cllr Martin Houlden. The polling station will be open from 7.00am until 10.00pm on the day. For those who wish to change their preference and obtain a postal vote, applications must be submitted by 28 September 2011. Liam Costello, Town Clerk



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